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1. REGARDING MULTILATERAL BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SUPPORT FOR JAMAICA, NORWEGIAN CONTRIBUTION OF \$2 MILLION, AS REPORTED REF. B, CONFIRMED BY MFA OFFICIAL. THIS ASSISTANCE IS SUBJECT TO STORTING (PARLIAMENT) APPROVAL, HOWEVER, AND THE PROPOSAL WILL NOT COME UP UNTIL THE FALL 78 SESSION. WHILE A FIRM DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE HAS NOT BEEN WORKED OUT, MFA OFFICIAL SAID THAT FIRST DISBURSEMENT, GIVEN THE EXPECTED STORTING APPROVAL, COULD COME BEFORE END OF 1978.

2. NORWEGIAN BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR JAMAICA HAS PROGRESSED LITTLE BEYOND CONCEPTUAL STAGE. AGREEMENT SIGNED BY PRIME MINISTER NORDLI LAST MONTH IS VERY GENERAL, AND THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AGENCY NORAD HAS YET TO BEGIN A STUDY OF POSSIBLE PROJECTS. THIS INITIAL EXPLORATION IS TO TAKE PLACE THIS FALL (AGAIN AFTER STORTING APPROVAL OF THE JAMAICA PROGRAM) AND THEREAFTER A LIST OF DETAILED PROJECTS WILL BE DRAWN UP. THE
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\$9 MILLION PROGRAM IS TO EXTEND OVER FOUR YEARS, AND WILL MOST LIKELY CONSIST OF FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND PERHAPS PROGRAMS IN THE MARITIME TRAINING AND PORT IMPROVEMENT AREAS. CONTRARY TO STATEMENT MADE BY NORWEGIAN REP TO JUNE 1 MEETING (REF B), MFA OFFICIAL VIEWS THE BILATERAL AID PROGRAM AS LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, AND NOT AS A PART OF THE EFFORT TO ASSIST JAMAICA DURING PERIOD OF BOP DIFFICULTIES. NATURE OF PROGRAM WOULD SEEM

TO CONFIRM THIS VIEW.

3. \$25 MILLION LINE OF CREDIT AGREEMENT WAS NEGOTIATED ON PURELY
COMMERCIAL BASIS BETWEEN A/S EXPORFINANS AND BANK OF JAMAICA
(AS REPORTED IN KINGSTON 4460), AND NO CONNECTION WITH
APPROVED LIST OF IBRD PROJECTS WAS ENVISAGED BY NORWEGIANS.
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